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# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

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*I am a book, read me*  
VAGELIS ILIOPOULOS

Είμαι ένα βιβλίο, διάβασέ με.

Je suis un livre, lis-moi.

Ich bin ein Buch, lies mich.

میں ایک کتاب ہوں۔ مجھے پڑھو۔

أنا كتاب إقرأني

Sono un libro, leggimi.

Soy un libro, léeme.

我是书，等你读

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# I am a book, read me.

BY VAGELIS ILIOPOULOS

I am a book.  
You are a book.  
We are all books.

My soul is the story I tell.  
Every book tells its own story.

We can look quite different –  
some big, some small,  
some colourful, some black and white,  
some with a few pages, some with many.

We may say similar or completely different things,  
but that's our beauty.  
It would be boring to be all the same.

Each of us is unique.  
And each of us has the right to be respected,  
to be read without prejudice,  
to be given space in your library.

You may have opinions about me.  
You may choose to question or comment on what you read.

You can put me back in the library  
or hold me close and travel with me a long way.

But never let someone throw me away  
or send me to another shelf.  
Never ask for my destruction, nor allow anyone else to do.

And if a book ever comes from another shelf,  
because someone or something drove it away,  
make room.  
It fits next to you.

Try to feel as it feels.  
Understand it. Protect it.  
You may be in its place tomorrow.

Because you are a book, too.  
We all are books.

Let's all say it loudly so everyone can hear.  
"I am a book, read me."

# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY 2023

Every year, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday on 2 April, International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is celebrated to inspire love for reading and call attention to children's books. The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), an international, non-profit organization has been sponsoring the event since 1967.

IBBY Greece is honoured to be the official sponsor of International Children's Book Day 2023, designing a poster for IBBY sections around the world to promote books and reading.

*I am a book, read me* is the theme of this year's International Children's Book Day poster. The prominent Greek author, **Vagelis Iliopoulos**, and the well-known Greek artist, **Photini Stephanidi**, have collaborated to create a poster that celebrates the power of children's books in the promotion of the values of equality, diversity and inclusion and connect people in a world of tolerance and understanding.

Happy International Children's Book Day 2023 from IBBY Greece!